

PATENT CLAIMS

1. Vessel (1), preferably a ship, for transport and mounting of structures,
said vessel (1) comprising a hull (2) and at least four vertically ele-
5 vational support legs (9) as well as displacement means for elevating
the support legs (9) **characterized** in that the support legs (9) are
mounted in at least two consoles (5) which by first means are connected
to the hull's (2) right and left long side, respectively, and where the ves-
sel (1) also comprises at least one crane (11), for handling and placing
10 the structures below the waterline.
2. Vessel according to claim 1, **characterized** in that the consoles (5)
comprise at least one sleeve (14) coated with a friction reducing sub-
stance on the inner surfaces of the sleeves, said inner surfaces enclos-
15 ing parts of the outer circumference of a support leg (9).
3. Vessel according to any of the preceding claims **characterized** in that
the displacement means comprise at least one wire winch (8) attached
to each support leg (9) and a hydraulic system attached thereto.
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4. Vessel according to any of the preceding claims **characterized** in that
the support legs each comprise load cells (13).
5. Vessel according to any of the preceding claims **characterized** in that
25 there are provided hollow spaces/chambers (12) in the hull (2), said
hollow spaces/chambers being filled with/emptied for water via a control
system.
6. Vessel according to any of the preceding claims **characterized** in that
30 upper end surface of the consoles (5) is placed on a level with the deck
(4) of the vessel.

7. Vessel according to any of the preceding claims **characterized** in that lower end surface of the consoles (5) is placed at a considerable distance to the ship's waterline and between same and the ship's bottom.

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8. Vessel according to any of the preceding claims **characterized** in that the first means comprise a rail secured to the hull and fastening means, for example bolts.